

REMARKS

Claims 8-10, 12-13 and 20-22 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 8-10 and 12-13 are amended, claims 11, and 14-19 are canceled, and new claims 20-22 are added. No new matter is added.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during a May 20, 2005, personal interview with Applicants' undersigned representative. The remainder of Applicants' separate record of the personal interview is contained in the remarks set forth below.

The Office Action rejects claims 8, 9, 11, 13-15, 17 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Taira et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,809,003). The Office Action also rejects claims 10, 12, 16 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Taira et al. in view of Tsutomu (JP 59-215892). These rejections are traversed as they may apply to the amended and new claims.

The present claims are directed to a recordable disc, that is a disc onto which a user can record information, for example music or programs or the like. With the presently claimed invention, the user can also record visual information by irradiating the disc such that the visual information can be viewed by looking at the disc.

In contrast, as discussed during the personal interview, the Taira et al. disc is not recordable. Rather the Taira et al. unrecordable "optical disk 10 consists of two disk substrates, which are laminated on each other..." (see column 3, lines 62-63). Prior to the lamination of the substrates, and thus prior to the existence of a "disk," any information that is contained on the Taira et al. unrecordable optical disk is first

recorded (not optically) onto one of the two substrates. Thus, the actual Taira et al. "disk 10" is not recordable, as required by the present claims.

Additionally, any information that is contained on the unrecordable Taira et al. optical disk is never, and could never be, recorded by irradiation, as required by the presently claimed recordable optical disc.

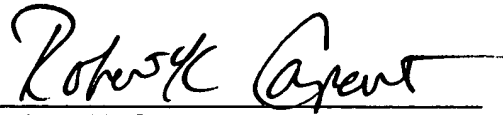
Tsutomu is cited for its disclosure of a recording layer 2 comprising an organic coloring matter comprising a cyanine coloring matter or an azo dye. However, one of skill in the art would not have been expected to include such dyes in an unrecordable disc, such as that disclosed by Taira et al.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the presently claimed invention would not have been obvious over Taira et al., alone or in combination with Tsutomu. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal thereof are thus respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below to schedule a personal or telephone interview to discuss any remaining issues.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, making reference to Attorney Docket No. 107156-00060.

Respectfully submitted,

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